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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

## **MEMORANDUM**

- SUBJECT: Development of the FY 2022-2023 National Program Manager Guidances
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This memorandum initiates the development of the two-year FY 2022-2023 National Program Guidances, which provide operational priorities and strategies to protect human health and the environment, consistent with priorities in the President's Budget and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Strategic Plan.

The NPG development process begins now with early engagement with our state, territory, and tribal partners. Early engagement, which extends through the end of October, is intended to identify common priorities to inform development of the NPGs. Internal and external reviews of the draft NPGs are scheduled for the January-March 2021 timeframe, with final guidances scheduled to be posted in late April. We will maintain flexibility and adjust timeframes as necessary. The <u>OCFO's Technical Guidance</u> provides milestones, instructions, and templates for guidance development.

The FY 2022-2023 NPG process includes a few important changes from the FY 2020-2021 process. These changes reflect the OCFO and Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations' 2019 assessment of the NPGs and recommendations approved at the December 2019 Executive Management Council meeting. Specifically:

- The National Program Managers will lead early engagement (Regions led early engagement for development of the FY 2020-2021 NPGs); and
- The Office of International and Tribal Affairs' NPG will reference key program priorities and tribal provisions in each of the other NPGs, to serve as a primary NPG resource for tribes. Also, the NPG template now includes a new section focused on tribal work.

Note that FY 2022 is a strategic plan transition year. It is the last year of the current plan (FY 2018-2022) and the first year of the next plan (FY 2022-2026). The two-year process provides an opportunity for NPMs to issue an FY 2023 Addendum to their respective FY 2022-2023 NPG, which can include adjustments related to the new strategic plan.

Thank you for your continued commitment to strengthening the EPA's collaboration internally and with our state and tribal partners. If you have any questions, please contact me or Beth Burchard at Burchard.beth@epa.gov or (202) 564-6981.

## Attachment

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